

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Department of State Commission on Unalienable Rights

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of State		2019	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Department of State Commission on Unalienable Rights		84576	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
Yes	07/08/2019	07/08/2021	10/30/2020
<b>8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>	
	Memorandum of Termination		
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
22 U.S.C 2656	07/08/2019	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b>	National Policy Issue Advisory Board		
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
<b>17a. Open</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	<b>17d. Total</b>
0	0	0	0
<b>Other Activities</b>			
<b>Meetings and Dates</b>			
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$10,500.00	\$63,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$6,200.00	\$45,000.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$2,300.00	\$13,800.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$200.00	\$1,200.00

<b>18d. Total</b>	\$19,200.00	\$123,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.40	0.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Commission provides the Secretary of State informed advice and recommendations concerning international human rights matters. The Commission provides fresh thinking about human rights and proposes reforms of human rights discourse where it has departed from our nation's founding principles of natural law and natural rights, to which Lincoln called us at Gettysburg and to which King called us while standing in front of the Lincoln Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. The Commission may consult with other interested experts, advisors, parties, agencies, and interagency committees and groups of the United States Government, foreign governments, and with national and international private sector organizations and individuals, as the Department of State and the Commission decide are necessary or desirable.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Commission is comprised of no more than fifteen members who have distinguished backgrounds in international law, human rights, and religious liberties. The membership will be a bi-partisan, diverse group of men and women. The members will be appointed as Regular Government Employees, Special Government Employees, or Representatives. To ensure that Commission members offer advice and recommendations which are in the best interests of the U.S. Government, the majority, if not all of them will be appointed as Special Government Employees. As such, they will be required to submit financial disclosure forms to flag any conflicts of interest. A small percentage of the members may be appointed as Representatives. The members will be proposed for membership from one of the following categories: (1) Legal scholars. (2) Other academics and leaders of non-profit, non-governmental research institutions. (3) Former U.S. Government officials (including former judges). (4) Leaders of non-governmental, philanthropic organizations. The membership will be selected to represent diverse points of view..

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Committee will meet once a month, starting in October 2019, for, most likely, six months (i.e., six meetings). These meetings allow presentations from expert witnesses representing diverse viewpoints as well as comments and questions from the public in attendance. They are vital to the intellectual integrity of the Commission.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Commission itself obtains advice from expert witnesses and from the public. Because

it is not bound by specific policy considerations, it is allowed to operate at the level of principle.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

NA

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Duncan H. Walker Designated Federal Officer

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Berkowitz, Peter	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Director, State Department Policy Planning Staff	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Berman, Russell	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Senior Advisor, State Department Policy Planning Staff	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Carozza, Paolo	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Professor of Law and Concurrent Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Glendon, Mary	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Learned Hand Professor of Law, Harvard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lantos-Swett, Katrina	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	President of the Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pan, David	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Professor of German, University of California, Irvine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rivers, Jacqueline	09/17/2019	10/30/2020	Lecturer in Sociology, Harvard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Soloveichik, Meir	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Director of the Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University and Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tollefsen, Christopher	09/18/2019	10/30/2020	Distinguished Professor and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9**

**Narrative Description**

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

The report of the Commission will issue findings on the sources the U.S. and global human rights traditions as they relate to U.S. foreign policy. The Commission's findings are expected to address major principles underlying U.S. human rights policies. These principles may or may not be used by policy makers in the form of fresh thinking and additional context.

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

N/A

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Commission's meetings are in FY2020 and it has yet to make any recommendations. The FY2020 ACR will contain information about recommendation.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

N/A

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

**Agency Feedback Comments**

N/A

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

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**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

N/A